

## THOMAS SQUIRE WATSON



Thomas Squire Watson was born September 21, 1844, in Lock Zelly Fife, Scotland, at Parish of Bellingham, County of Fife, Scotland. He was the son of Thomas Watson (born Oct. 5, 1816, at Parish Geres, Scotland) and Janet Squires, who was born May 9, 1819, Parish of Markinch Scotland.

Thomas Squire Watson married Elizabeth Honeyman. The Watsons were converted to the Church by Elder Robert Gillispie of Provo, Utah. Thomas was baptized on July 12, 1854, by his father. Thomas Watson, and confirmed on July 16, 1854, by James Lowe.

In Scotland four sons were born, two dying in infancy.

They set sail on April 10, 1869, with Thomas and William Don on the vessel "Iowa" for America. There were 960 passengers on board, with poor food and very crowded conditions. A very interesting diary of the trip was written by Thomas Squire. They were on the water 19 days and never had their clothes off, arriving in Ogden September 17, 1869. They stayed awhile with his sister Allison, who was married to Robert Simpson. They came to Heber City by team or oxen. Jim Lindsay met them at Park City.

Thomas Squire Watson worked for \$1 a day for Bishop Abram Hatch, later purchased ground, and they had a family and a nice home. Their son, Henry Fowles, was born in December, after they came here in September. Thomas bought a yoke of oxen from William Bethers. Thomas Squire Watson was a very keen, intelligent man. He was president of the YMMIA, was ordained a High Priest by John Gordon on April 29, 1871. He played a flute and was a good singer. He was judge of Heber City eight years. An excellent penman and very kind and thoughtful of others, his donations were many.

He was county clerk for quite some time. They built many ditches, fences and roads. He and several others bought the first thresher in Heber City. He had his barns, fine building, horses and some cattle destroyed by fire. He hauled freight, mail and passengers to Park City for 18 years. On coming home one day he was told his wife, Elizabeth, was dead. She had been killed by the bull they thought was tame. Following the death of his wife he married Jemie Low Fowler and to this union two children were born, Lindsay Pryde and Lillian Southworth.

He died August 16, 1905, of obstruction of the bowels. Burial was in Heber City Cemetery.

## HEBER BIOGRAPHIES

### ELIZABETH HONEYMAN



Elizabeth Honeyman, wife of Thomas Squire Watson, was born December 22, 1835, at Parish of Auctermucty in Fife Scotland. She was the daughter of John Honeyman and Janet Rankin.

She was converted to the Church and was baptized February 15, 1865, by Elder William Warnick and confirmed the same date by Elder James Brown. She married Thomas Squire Watson on March 30, 1863, at Greenknows, Kemrop, Scotland. While living in Scotland four children, all boys, were born, two dying in infancy. After the burial of a baby son on January 16, 1869, they and two sons, Thomas Squire and William Don, set sail for America on the boat "Iowa," on April 10, 1869. They arrived in Heber City in September, 1869, and worked hard. They had eight more children, a total of two daughters and 10 sons. Most of them died very young.

Henry Fowles Watson, the fifth son, was born December 6, 1869, so he was really a stowaway on the ship. When Harry was 17, his mother Elizabeth was killed by a bull they thought tame on May 28, 1888, while he was helping his father haul freight, mail and passengers to Park City.

She was a lovely, beautiful mother. She was buried in Heber Cemetery on May 30, 1888, leaving four sons, Thomas Squire Watson, William Don, Henry Fowles and David C. Watson, and her husband, Thomas Squire Watson.

# THOMAS S. WATSON.

This historical and biographical number would not be complete were we to close without saying something of Judge Watson, who for nearly forty years was a conspicuous figure in the public and social affairs of this county.

He was born in the parish of Thurberry, Fifeshire, Scotland, September 21, 1814. On March 30, 1863, he married Miss Elizabeth Honeyman, by



whom he was the father of twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter, four of whom are now living—Thomas H., Wm. D., and David C. Watson of Park City, and Henry F. Watson of Charleston, this county.

Mr. Watson with his family left Scotland some time in the 60's and came to Heber in 1869. He soon began to gather material around him for a comfortable home. He was young and strong and willing to work, in the field, the quarry, or wherever he could find employment. In those days in this valley all were laborers, few were employers, but "where there's a



will there's a way," and Mr. Watson had the "will" and found the "way."

May 28, 1888, his wife was gored by a bull and was found dead in the corral. Fourteen months later he married Jennie Fowles, by whom he had two children—Lindsay D. and Lillian.

In 1884 Mr. Watson was elected Probate Judge of this county, which position he held for ten years. He has held many offices of trust and honor in this county, was messenger in the constitutional convention, and in 1906 was elected county clerk and recorder which position he held at the time of his death, August 16, 1903.

Thomas S. Watson